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State Fire Update: August 12, 2013

Portage, Utah – Weather conditions and steep rocky terrain limited containment of the State Fire yesterday. The fire pushed further north into Idaho progressing it to a mile from the town of Samaria. Local resources were quick to stage structure protection engines at homes that reside on the south bench of the town. As of 4:00 PM, the fire had reached 16,500 acres. Resources were able to reach 42% containment by the end of the day.

Yesterday, Governor Herbert approved the use of two National Guard Black Hawk helicopters to work with a Type 3 helicopter from Salt Lake City assisting firefighters by cooling heat found close to the fire boundary. Last night, the hotshot crew and engines completed a burn out operation along the south bench of Samaria in the area between the fire perimeter and the dozer/retardant containment lines. This accomplished the objective of removing the fuel that would create a risk to residents. At this time, the threat to these residences is minimal.

Today, the fire continues to move through grass, brush, juniper and heavy timber stands. Resources will get to work early this morning utilizing the cool air to aggressively finish containment lines on the west flank and build a line around the east and north flank of the fire perimeter.

Resources assigned to the incident include two Type 1 helicopters (Black Hawks), one Type 3 helicopter, four dozers, two tenders, ten Type 6 engines, one Type 1 hotshot crew, and six Type 2-IA hand crews. Incident fire personnel total is 250.

Closures – State Line Road and Portage Canyon Road are closed for public safety and to allow access for fires suppression equipment.

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